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SUBJECT: ECE - AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY ON THE STANDARDIZATION OF PERISHABLE PRODUCE

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1. THE ECE WORKING PARTY ON THE STANDARDIZATION OF PERISHABLE PRODUCE IN ITS MEETING ON JULY 5 DISCUSSED THE DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A GROUP OF EXPERTS TO DEAL WITH THE STANDARDIZATION OF POULTRY MEAT.

2. THE US DEL EXPLAINED US POSITION AS PER REFTEL. HOWEVER, THERE WAS UNANIMITY AMONG THE DELEGATES OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH SUCH AN EXPERT WORKING GROUP IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT HYGENIC QUESTIONS, IF ANY, WOULD BE WORKED OUT TOGETHER WITH THE CORRESPONDING CODEX GROUP.

3. THE UK FAVORED SOME DELAY IN THE WORK OF STANDARDIZATION FOR POULTRY MEAT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE WORKING GROUP ON STANDARDIZATION FOR EGGS HAS FURTHER PROGRESSED. THE DUTCH FAVORED
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A WORKING GROUP WHICH WOULD DEAL BOTH WITH POULTRY AND EGG STANDARDS. THE EEC OBSERVER QUESTIONED THE COMPETENCE OF THE GROUP TO SET UP A WORKING PARTY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS FOR POULTRY MEAT SINCE THE GROUP WAS UNABLE TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORK ON POULTRY MEAT STANDARDS.

4. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, THE MAJORITY AGREED THAT FOLLOWING THE

JAN 16-18, 1978 MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP FOR EGGS THERE SHOULD
BE A MEETING OF EXPERTS, PRESUMABLY THE SAME AS THOSE ATTENDING
THE WORKING PARTY FOR EGGS, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE TERMS OF
REFERENCE FOR ELABORATING STANDARDS FOR POULTRY MEAT.SORENSEN

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